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**Fort Totten Man Sentenced to 97 Months' Imprisonment**  
**For Causing the Death of His Friend**

**GRAND FORKS** - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that **Porfirio Diaz, Jr.**, of Fort Totten, North Dakota, was sentenced on January 12, 2006, before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson on a charge of voluntary manslaughter.

**Diaz**, 43, was found guilty by a 12-person jury on November 3, 2005, of causing the death of his friend, Brian Stacy Littleghost. In the early morning hours of July 14, 2005, **Diaz**, along with other friends, was a guest at the home of Brian Stacy Littleghost on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation. While under the influence of alcohol **Diaz** struck his friend, Brian Stacy Littleghost, with his fist, fracturing Littleghost's skull. Littleghost died the afternoon of July 14, 2005, from the injury.

Judge Erickson sentenced **Diaz** to 97 months' imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release. **Diaz** was ordered to pay restitution for the funeral expenses, to perform 150 hours of community service, and to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

United States Attorney Drew Wrigley stated, "Other drugs sometime receive more public attention, but alcohol by far and always remains the most abused substance in North Dakota. This case

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is the latest example of the horrific toll of that abuse. The Littleghost family has suffered a terrible loss and they are in our thoughts.”

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Assistant United States Attorney Janice M. Morley prosecuted the case.

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